

## Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2013-2015 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

### It Is Unlawful:

- To fish within the posted upstream or downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer
- To fail to stop and report at check stations established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To possess, transport or use any live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs, or shrimp as bait, except that live crayfish may be used if caught on the body of water being fished.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by the taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation. (Note: Tribal fisheries may use gear types other than those allowed in sport fisheries)
- To waste game fish.

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## Licenses, Permits and Requirements

Resident Fishing License .....	\$25.75
Resident Junior (14-17) Fishing License .....	\$13.75
Resident Salmon Permit (License Required) .....	\$12.75
Resident Two-Pole Permit .....	\$13.75
Nonresident Fishing License .....	\$98.25
Nonresident Daily Fishing License .....	\$12.75
(Each consecutive day at initial purchase)....	\$6.00
Nonresident Junior (under 18) Fishing License..	\$21.75
Nonresident Salmon Permit (License Required)	\$25.75
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead Permit (includes a	
3-Day General Fishing License) .....	\$37.50
Nonresident Two-Pole Permit .....	\$15.50

- Any person, age 14 and older, must have a valid Fishing License and Salmon Permit in possession to fish for salmon.
- Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License to fish for salmon.
- To qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may fish without a license and salmon permit provided they are accompanied by the holder of a valid permit and that any salmon kept that is 24 or more inches in length must be recorded on the permit holder's card and all salmon kept must be counted in the permit holder's legal bag, possession, and season limit.
- Resident children under the age of 14 may purchase their own salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Nonresident children under the age of 14 may purchase a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and a salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may purchase a two pole permit.
- Consult the 2013-2015 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, areas closed to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

# IDAHO 2015 Coho Salmon Seasons & Rules

**Mainstem Clearwater River  
Middle Fork Clearwater River  
North Fork Clearwater River**



*Illustration by Joe Tomelieri*

**Salmon** in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Coho Salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus kisutch*.

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**NOTE: Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may implement in-season changes to seasons or limits. For updated seasons and limits information consult a license vendor, an IDFG office, the IDFG salmon fishing hotline (855-287-2702) or the IDFG website: (<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>)**

## Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for Coho Salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for or targeting of Coho Salmon unless opened by Commission action. ***In all waters open to Coho Salmon fishing, the season shall be 7 days a week until the closing date listed, or until further notice, whichever comes first.***

**Open:** September 1, 2015 until further notice or 11:59 PM November 15, whichever comes first.

### MAINSTEM CLEARWATER RIVER:

- From a line at the mouth (from a posted sign on the north bank to the western-most point on the south bank) upstream to the South Fork Clearwater River.

### MIDDLE FORK CLEARWATER RIVER

- From its mouth upstream to the mouth of Clear Creek.

### NORTH FORK CLEARWATER RIVER

- From its mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam.

## Daily, Possession, and Season Limits

Anglers meeting license and permit requirements may retain adult Coho Salmon. Note that unlike spring and fall Chinook Salmon, most hatchery origin Coho Salmon returning to Idaho have intact adipose fins and both clipped and unclipped Coho Salmon may be harvested by anglers as part of their limit. All Coho Salmon are considered adults.

**Daily Limit:** Daily: Two (2) adult Coho Salmon.

**Possession Limit:** Six (6) adult Coho Salmon.

**Season:** No person may take more than ten (10) adult Coho Salmon statewide during the 2015 Coho Salmon Season.

## Fishing Hours

Fishing for Coho Salmon is permitted 24-hours a day during the designated season and locations.

## Permit Validation

When a Coho Salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from his or her permit; and
- Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught

*For example, salmon kept from the Clearwater River downstream of the Orofino Bridge on September 6 would be entered as:*

Fish	Bird	Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
1		9	06	03				21	
2								22	
3								23	
4								24	
5								25	

### RIVER LOCATION CODES

**See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for salmon fishing.**

#### Clearwater River

Clearwater below the Orofino Bridge .....	03
Clearwater River above Orofino Bridge .....	04
North Fork Clearwater River .....	05
Middle Fork Clearwater River .....	06

### REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!

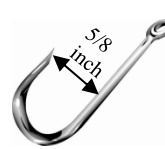
When a salmon is released (not reduced to possession), the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

## Methods of Take

**Only barbless hooks may be used**  
Not greater than 5/8 inch



**Hook - Up to 3 points on one shank**

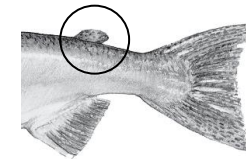


**Single point hook - One point on one shank**

- It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

## Harvest Rules

**Unlike Chinook Salmon, hatchery Coho Salmon with a intact adipose fin may be kept.**



Coho Salmon with an unclipped adipose fin may be kept

- No person shall have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced adult anadromous salmon that has been processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met: a) the fish has been recorded on the taker's salmon permit; b) the fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar or the adipose fin and c) the fish must be packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined.

- All salmon that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession must be killed immediately after landing and shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.

## Identification Tips

The most common methods of distinguishing Coho Salmon from Chinook Salmon are:

- Coho Salmon are on average smaller than adult Chinook Salmon but there is size overlap.
- Coho Salmon have a white gum line while Chinook Salmon have a black gum line.
- Coho Salmon have few or no black spots on the tail and only on the upper lobe. Chinook Salmon typically have numerous black spots on both tail lobes.

### Coho



Gum Line

White

### Chinook



Black



Upper Lobe

Black Spots



Both Lobes